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EDLD 5364 Week 3 CAST Lesson Builder Reflection:

First, I tried the sample activity on the CAST website. This activity looked very simple and I thought it wasn't going to lead to any critical thinking. Once I moved past the recognition networks, I noticed that this lesson as simple as it looked could be extended to higher-level learner centered lesson. What I liked most about this lesson is that it allows for the pupil to reflect on all three networks. I have to say I struggled with designing lesson to include Strategic Learning. Teaching Method 2 says we need to "provide opportunities to Practice with Supports" (Rose, 2002). I think the way students would accomplish this would be by practicing the use of the built in dictionary on the iPad. In addition they can practice using the highlighting feature multiple times until it becomes part of their learning process when using the iPad. The more they practice using the built in dictionary, the more comfortable they will feel resulting in greater content comprehension. I have to say that this UDL lesson builder is actually very user friendly and creates a very presentable printable lesson plan.

Source:

Rose, D., & Meyer, A. (2002). *Teaching every student in the digital age: Universal design for learning*. Alexandria, VA: Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development. Available online at the Center for Applied Special Technology Web site. Chapter 6. Retrieved on March 6, 2011, from <http://www.cast.org/teachingeverystudent/ideas/tes>